Customs, no case of import of DDT and capacitor fluid containing polychlorinated biphenyl from Japan has been noticed. According to the Hazardous Wastes (Management Handling and Transboundary Movement) Rules 2008, no import of hazardous wastes for dumping purposes is permitted. Also wastes consisting of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and waste pesticides including DDT which are off-specification, outdated, and /or unfit for their originally intended use, are prohibited for import and export as per Schedule VI of the aforesaid Rules.

Emission norms

664. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has proposed to extend Bharat Stage-IV emission norms for four-wheelers to 11 identified mega cities and Bharat Stage-III, emission norms throughout the country from April 2010; and

(b) if so, the details of the measures taken by Government to ensure that these norms are extended in identified areas on time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes Sir. As per Auto Fuel Policy of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government is to introduce Euro-III equivalent emission norms in the entire country and Euro-IV equivalent emission norms for both petrol & diesel four wheeler vehicles in 11 cities, namely, Delhi/National Capital Region, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Surat, Pune, Kanpur and Agra from 1st April 2010.

(b) Oil Companies have undertaken fuel quality upgradation projects for supply of required upgraded fuel by the target date of 1st April 2010.

Climate change in the country

665. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up Centres to monitor climate change in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the locations, State-wise;

(c) whether financial assistance has been provided to various State Governments for development and promotion of Environmental projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Government of India, under the aegis of National Action Plan on Climate Change launched in June 2008, envisages implementation of eight National Missions in several thematic areas to address the concerns of climate change. Indian Meteorological Department collects data on meteorological information through a countrywide network of observatories.

(c) and (d) Funds are provided under the central and centrally sponsored schemes to the State Government *inter-alia* for implementing the schemes such as National River/Lake Conservation Plan and Pollution abatement measures for conservation of identified rivers and lakes. During the